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Title: SELECTIVE ETCH SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION BARRIER INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT AND FABRICATION METHOD

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

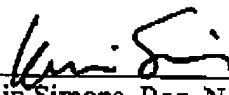
In the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-9 (Group I) and 10-20 (Group II) were patentably distinct and required that Applicant elect a single group for further prosecution. In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, claims 10-20 (Group II) for further prosecution on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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